

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

A good commencement was made, last month, in reducing the large amount of arrears due on this magazine, thereby enabling us to meet some of our liabilities. We trust our friends will continue the good work; for what has already been done, we tender sincere thanks.

Our business correspondence gives gratifying evidence that the magazine is much prized. One friend says, "it is always to me a welcome visitor, as it is about the only Congregational preacher I have the privilege of hearing." Another, who is so liberal as to remit his subscription for this and the next volume, remarks, that "the paper is getting better every year." While another, an old and esteemed friend, now residing in Michigan, where Canada money is worth about twenty-five per cent. more than the American currency, has remitted already, for volumes XIII. and XIV. We have added some *new* names to our subscription lists, amongst others that of the *Congregational Church* at Garafraxa. We honour these brethren for this token of good-will, and trust that the hope of their pastor may be realized in due time, that the reading of this copy will induce them to take the Magazine next year more extensively. Could not other of our churches follow this example? No doubt, many of the members, aged as well as young persons, would be much profited and instructed by a regular perusal of our pages, and the churches would be largely the gainers in the end, by the increased intelligence and activity of the brethren. Our thanks are due to Postmasters who kindly forward monies, from time to time, and who notify us of removals, and other changes amongst subscribers, especially to the P. M. of Stanstead, for his courteous note, recently received.

THE HARVEST OF 1865.

Having just returned from a circuit of 500 miles' travel through Western Canada, and witnessed the glorious appearance of the ripening harvest, we cannot refrain from expressing here our joy and gratitude at the prospect before us. After these weary years of famine, Canada seems likely to spring up again, elastic and buoyant. Hope will lighten up many a desponding countenance; plenty and ease will return to many a straitened household. The Lord has done it; not man: let Him have the praise! A day of public thanksgiving should be appointed, and that, earlier than the end of November. Nor let our gratitude spend itself in words alone. Let every man who feels the quickening flow of returning prosperity, bring an ample tithe into "the treasury." Let not every dollar go to the payment of old debts, the making of improvements, and the purchase of what the eye has been lusting after so long. "First fruits" are for the Lord (Leviticus 23: 10.) Now is the time to "devise liberal things" for the sanctuary, the pastor, the school, and the missionary.

DR. VAUGHAN AND DR. RALEIGH.

These honoured representatives of the Congregational Union of England and Wales at the Boston Council, made a flying visit to Canada, according to promise, during the past month. On leaving Boston, they had travelled southwards as far as Washington, spending a Sabbath (25th June) in New